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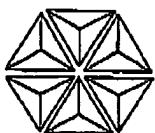
The accompanying amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office action mailed May 20, 2004.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is herein amended to conform the definitions of formula XVI with the elected subject matter. By way of this submission, new claim 5 has been added. Claim 2 has been withdrawn from prosecution by the Examiner. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-5 are pending. A complete listing of the claims including their status is attached.

Support for new claim 5 is found in original claim 1 and in the specification, e.g. at Examples 221, 227, 232, 244, 289, 313, 458, 481, 482, 485-87 and 490.

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